

The New Alpine Library

Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

The Alpine Library has been a vital gathering spot for the community since its establishment in 1913. Groundbreaking for the new, approximately 13,500 square foot library is estimated to be in the summer of 2014, with expected opening in fall or winter of 2015. It will offer a host of services that empower and educate the community including free access to a network of 42 million books, DVD movies, and music CDs.

How will the new library's architect and contractor be chosen?

The new library will be built using the Design/Build model. The Design/Build Request for Statement of Qualifications will be released in August 2013, and the three highest ranking submittals will go on to the second part of the process, the Request for Proposals. The best value Design/Build proposal will be awarded the contract in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

How is the project being funded?

The project is funded by the County of San Diego.

When is the groundbreaking of the new Alpine Library?

The tentative groundbreaking date is the summer of 2014.

When is the grand opening of the new Alpine Library?

Early plans anticipate an opening in late summer or fall of 2015.

Where is the new library located?

The new library will be located on Alpine Boulevard, adjacent to the Alpine Community Center.

How big is the new library?

The new library will be approximately 13,500 square feet, more than 4 times the size of the current facility.

Will adequate parking be provided?

Yes, a parking plan is included in planning the construction project.

What are some of the features of the new library?

- A Family Place featuring new books for kids and space for storytimes and crafts
- A Teen Space that will feature new books and study spaces, plus be a fun place to hang out after school
- A Homework Center where kids and teens can receive tutoring and work together on class assignments

- Comfortable lounge seating throughout the building
- Quiet study rooms for individuals and small groups
- Resource Room where programs and meetings can be held
- Friends of the Library bookstore

What are some of the technological features of the new library?

- Public internet computers that are available whenever the library is open
- Free wireless internet access for laptop users
- Automated book check-out, giving customers the ability to check out their favorite titles quickly and efficiently

Will there be input from the community?

SDCL has a history of developing new libraries that represent the spirit and culture of the communities they serve. Multiple community meetings have been held regarding this project, and additional community forums will be held as this project moves forward. Check with branch staff for details on upcoming forums.

How else can I be involved?

The Alpine Library Friends Association is working hard to raise money for the new library's furniture, fixtures, and equipment, plus an Opening Day Collection (new books, movies, and music CDs) and future programs. A donation to the Friends can help build the best library possible for the Alpine community. Visit www.alpinelibraryfriends.org for more information.

Have there been other large-scale library construction projects like this recently?

Yes, SDCL has built 9 new libraries in the past 8 ½ years. We partner with the public, private, and non-profit sectors in order to develop innovative and sustainable branch libraries. SDCL builds award-winning libraries, including a recent People's Choice Orchid Award from the San Diego Architectural Foundation for the Fallbrook Library and multiple building features in *Library Journal* and *American Libraries* magazine.